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In re: RAUL WALLENBERG

Dear Mr. D'Amato:

This is to request your help in making sure that our government contacts the Soviet Union to ascertain the fate of Raoul Wallenberg.

As you know, Wallenberg is one of only two honorary citizens of the United States. A Swedish diplomat, he risked his life to save Budapest Jews at the behest of his government and the United States War Refugee Board in 1944.

Early in 1945, when the Russian army occupied Budapest, Wallenberg left for Debrecen, Soviet headquarters, accompanied by Russian soldiers. Since then he has not officially been heard from or seen, although many prisoners released from the Gulag over the past almost forty years claim to have seen or been in contact with him.

As a world power which stands for individual rights and recognition, and in the name of world humanity, the United States government should make a concerted effort to seek complete and incontrovertible evidence from the Soviet government as to the present whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg, and, if he is still alive, demand his release and return home to his sister and brother in Sweden.

Sincerely,

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